

# A STORY IN THREE PARTS.

(PART THREE.)

## Bryan on the Home Stretch The Trouble With Blount

Mr. Blount, in his pamphlet, says: "I invite a rigid investigation of my legislative records by all those who are approached with the argument that I have been so associated with corporations that my mind has run into a corporate groove, and that I could not, if elected United States Senator, vote and work impartially between corporations and the people."

The invitation is accepted and Mr. Blount is respectfully asked

## WHY HE PUT THE JOKER IN THE JIM CROW LAW?

On page 777 of the Senate Journal of 1905 will be found an amendment offered by Mr. Blount, which amendment now constitutes section 7 of chapter 5420, acts of 1905—the act requiring the separation of white and black passengers on street cars.

On page 132 of volume 50, Florida Supreme Court Reports, will be found an opinion by Judge Taylor, concurred in by all the other judges, declaring this law unconstitutional on the sole ground that Mr. Blount's amendment is clearly in violation of the XIV amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Blount has the reputation of being a great CONSTITUTIONAL lawyer.

A compliance with this act would have been both inconvenient and expensive to the street car companies.

The Pensacola Electric Company owns the street car system in Pensacola.

Mr. Blount was the paid attorney of the Pensacola Electric Company when he wrote and introduced this amendment.

Again Mr. Blount is asked,

Why He Put the Joker in the Jim Crow Law?

### "The Appearance of Evil"

Mr. Blount, in a campaign circular entitled "The Corporation Cry," admits that it would be wrong for him to continue representing the L. & N. Railroad if he is elected United States Senator, and with great emphasis promises to resign his attorneyship.

Mr. Blount further admits that he was the paid attorney of the P. & A. Railroad during his service as a member of the constitutional convention and of the L. & N. Railroad during his service as State Senator.

Mr. Blount is respectfully asked to explain, as he no doubt can and will, by what process of reasoning he has satisfied his inner conscience that it would be any greater wrong to serve the L. & N. Railroad and the people of Florida in the United States Senate at the same time than it was to serve the same railroad and the same people in the State Senate in 1905?

## Did Mr. Blount Favor an Effective Railroad Commission?

Mr. Blount is asked why he voted against House Joint Resolution No. 33, the object of which was to enlarge the powers of the railroad commission as well as to make it a constitutional body. His vote is recorded on page 1833, Senate Journal of 1905.

Mr. Blount is asked if he has not more than once been connected with litigation seeking to enjoin the enforcement of the orders of the railroad commission? Notable in this connection is Mr. Blount's argument before the Supreme Court against the reduction of passenger rates on the L. & N. Railroad from FIVE CENTS per mile. See 24 Fla. 428 to 456.

Does the L. & N. Railroad want a railroad commission? If it must contend with one, does it want one with power to enforce its orders? Why did Mr. Blount oppose the resolution?

### "The Corporation Cry"

The real issue involved in this campaign can neither be clouded nor argued away. It has been with us before, it is with us now, and it bids fair to remain with us in the future. It is not local to Florida, but is national wide. It is the fight of the common people against organized and protected wealth.

Mr. Blount is now the attorney for the L. & N. Railroad Company, the Pensacola Electric Company (one of the Stone & Webster companies), the Pensacola Gas Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company—all of which are public service corporations doing business by virtue of franchises given gratis by the people.

Mr. Blount has had 36 years training for the protection of corporate interests, but says he is now ready to defend the rights of the people.

Can Mr. Blount change in one day the habits of mind and thought which have been 36 years in forming?

Has not the protection of these clients for 36 years so biased his mind in their favor as to render it psycho-actically impossible for Mr. Blount to turn suddenly and mentally proceed in the opposite direction? Does his record furnish the answer?

## A CONTRAST

BRYAN believes that the railroad commission and the interstate commerce commission should be given the power to enforce their orders.

BRYAN has had no corporate affiliations to prejudice his mind.

Bryan has had no more serious charge to meet than that he lives in Jacksonville.

Bryan feels no humiliation or pain in mingling with the people and advocating the principles in which he believes.

Bryan has made no promises which he feels are impossible of fulfillment.

Bryan has stooped to no artifice to catch votes.

Bryan has not attempted to create sectional prejudice in order that the real issue of his campaign might be forgotten.

Bryan is big enough to represent all sections of Florida impartially.

Bryan does not have to change his mind or resign any "attorneyship."

Bryan was born in Florida, reared in Florida, lives in Florida, believes in Florida, loves Florida, and will serve Florida as her next United States Senator.

N. B.—These charges were published last Sunday, in ample time for Mr. Blount to answer.

## PALATKA REAL ESTATE WANTED

We want to sell your property, lands, farms, homes, or vacant.  
We don't write insurance, trade nor rent, but **BUY and SELL** on commission.  
We are heavy advertisers, have Eastern and Northern connections and can get you cash for your real estate.

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All business confidential.

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116 South Second St. Palatka, Fla.

## FORT MEADE SCENE OF DISASTROUS FIRE

An Entire Business Block  
Has Been Destroyed.

INSURANCE ONLY \$7,000

Many Firms Were Wiped Out, Causing a Loss of Several Thousand Dollars—Cause of Fire Has Not Been Ascertained.

An entire business block in Fort Meade has been destroyed by fire. The flames were first discovered in the bakery of W. J. Stevens and before the firemen could get them under control the whole building was a roaring furnace. The stock of general merchandise, belonging to J. W. Thompson, in the Gay building, was destroyed, as was also the Fort Meade Pressing Club, and the Fort Meade Cigar Factory. N. A. Osteen's restaurant was in the building with the bakery and was destroyed.

The residence and store of W. J. Duran, both of which adjoined the business blocks destroyed, were burned to the ground. The heat from the burning buildings was so intense that it was thought the entire business section of the city would be destroyed. About \$300 worth of plate glass windows in buildings across the street were broken by the heat.

The fire was discovered in the bakery, and before the firemen could get it under control the Gay block was a mass of flames. The two Duran buildings were also soon afire, and despite the heroic efforts of the firemen and the citizens the property could not be saved.

The loss will be at least \$15,000, and the amount of insurance is thought to be less than \$7,000. The Fort Meade Cigar Factory, which was destroyed, was not insured, and the owners will be the biggest losers. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained.

### THREE LOST AT SEA.

Small Launch Went on Rocks Off Key West.

Sunday night a small launch, 45 feet in length, struck the north jetty near Key West and was wrecked. The launch was from Key West, and was carrying the A. J. Vincent, C. O. Gosharing and Matthew Hahn, passengers on the launch, escaped in the cabin boat.

They were unable to secure the oars on account of the rapidly with which the launch sank, and, as a result, were forced to drift about on the waves all night. About sun-up they landed upon a barren key and were picked up by a fisherman, who brought them to Key West.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bennett, of New York, and Herman Parker, who were passengers on the boat, were last seen clinging to the mast of the wrecked launch. The schooner Pocogonas left Key West as soon as word of the wreck was received, in search of the remaining passengers of the launch. They searched the locality of the wreck but were unable to find any trace of the victims. The waves were running high, and it is supposed that the three people perished during the night.

The vessel was on her way from Ft. Myers to Havana, Cuba. It is supposed that she became unmanageable in the storm and was blown off her course.

### INSPECTOR TAKES HIS LIFE.

Jacksonville Man Found Dead in a Hotel in Tampa.

George W. Harris, employed as boiler inspector by the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, was found dead in a room of the Hillsboro hotel, with a bullet wound in his head.

Death had been instantaneous. The body was discovered by the housekeeper, who got no response in answer to knocks, and called a bell boy to make an investigation. Harris was found in a chair, fully dressed, and had been dead for some time.

He lived at 832 Roselle street, Jacksonville, Fla. A coroner's jury was empaneled to ascertain the cause of death. There was no evidence of foul play.

### SLAIN AT POST OF DUTY.

W. H. Burke, of the Coast Line, Killed By Drunken Man.

While driving train No. 24, of the Atlantic Coast Line, near Winter Garden, early Christmas eve, Engineer W. H. Burke, one of the oldest and best known men in the service, was shot and instantly killed by an unknown man, who fired at the train as it was passing.

Conductor Christy took the train to Trilby where officers were notified. As Burke is not known to have had any enemies, it is believed that the shot was fired by some drunken man who thought it would be fun to shoot up a train. The company is offering \$200 reward for the arrest of the guilty party.

### To Organize Athletic Club.

There is a movement on foot at St. Petersburg to organize an athletic club. Steps to this end have been taken, and it is believed that the club will be on a sound footing before many weeks. Most of the leading business men of the city are interested, and have written for prices on material for a club room.

**Tampa Bay Races.**  
With more than 600 horses already at Tampa and others en route, the annual mid-winter race meeting of the Florida State Fair association opened Monday at the Tampa Bay track. The meeting will run for sixty days, perhaps longer.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effective for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

### GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH.

Veteran Leader of Salvation Army Is Going Blind.



PASSENGERS ROBBED.

Bandit Celebrates Christmas by Looting Missouri Pacific Train.

A bandit celebrated Christmas night by going through Missouri Pacific train No. 112 and holding up more than one hundred passengers, from whom he took only money and watches.

The train boarded the train, which was from St. Joseph, bound for St. Louis, at Leavenworth Junction, in the outskirts of Leavenworth, and left it at Northwestern Junction, in Kansas City, Kansas, after securing a large amount of money and valuables, and shooting one man who attempted to resist him.

As the train pulled out of the Leavenworth Junction, the robber opened the rear door of the Pullman car and confronted the astonished crew with a revolver, after which he robbed them. Cautioning the conductor and porter to keep still, he went through the car, taking up a collection of watches and wallets. Finishing with the Pullman, he continued through the chair cars and the smoker until he had held up every passenger.

The train left Leavenworth Junction shortly before 10 o'clock, and by the time the man had finished his work it had reached Kansas City Junction. Here he dropped from the steps of the smoker and disappeared.

### Murdered for a Few Dollars.

One of the most horrible murders ever committed in west Florida was that of James Winn, an aged white man, whose mutilated body was found near Mableville, a lumber town.

A heavy piece of lumber was used by the man who killed Winn. The head was beaten almost into a pulp, while the shoulders and arms were broken. Seemingly, the murderer, not being satisfied with killing the aged peddler, derived pleasure from mutilating the body.

**Sold Turpentine Interests.**  
John R. Martin, of Ocala, has just sold his splendid turpentine location at Istachatta, to Messrs. E. K. Nelson and W. A. Baxley, the former of Tampa and the latter of Crown, who will operate the Martin turpentine still in connection with the one they already own in the same locality. Since entering the turpentine business, Mr. Martin, it is said, has been exceedingly successful and has made quite a large sum of money.

**Interested in Good Roads.**  
The citizens of St. Augustine are preparing to do some hard work assisting the county commissioners in the completion of the Jacksonville road. Plans are being perfected under the auspices of the St. Augustine Board of Trade by which local good roads enthusiasts will get out on the road and do some real manual labor on the new thoroughfare.

**Daring Diamond Theft.**  
Smashing a plate glass window with a heavy weight, quickly seizing a tray of diamonds and dashing up a stairway a few feet away, an unknown thief pulled off one of the most daring robberies ever known in Tampa. The diamonds were stolen from the Owen Cotter Jewelry Company, leading jewelers of the city. The stolen gems were valued at a little over \$3,000.

**Double Tragedy at Altha.**  
Word reached Cypress from Altha, a small settlement, that there had been a double tragedy there. Whit, a neighbor, a neighbor, in a quarrel arising over some trivial matter, was killed by the mother of John, who was shot and instantly killed by the mother of John. Many shots were fired and several bystanders were injured, though none seriously.

**Fire Limit Ordinance.**  
St. Augustine will soon have a fire limit ordinance. Mayor Masters and the city council have been working upon a bill which will give the city the authority to designate the kind of buildings that are to be built in certain sections of the city.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. Sold by all dealers.

## XMAS REDDED BY MANY MURDERS

Eight Killings Reported From South Carolina.

MANY PERSONS WOUNDED

Holidays in the Palmetto State Rolled Up a Long List of Murders and Fatal Accidents—Tragedy in North Carolina.

The Christmas season in South Carolina has proved a bloody time, and many killings, both accidental and intentional, are reported from different sections of the state. So far, twelve deaths have been reported in the past three days, and many persons have been wounded more or less seriously during the festivities in connection with the celebration of Christmas. Eight of the victims are white.

An accident in a power house, a suicide, the accidental burning to death of a woman, an accidental killing with a rifle, and eight intentional homicides so far make up the list. The number of injured is not known.

News of a Christmas tragedy in Wain county reached Asheville, N. C., wherein Oscar Clark shot and killed D. J. Calhoun and then turned his revolver on A. H. Calhoun, a brother, inflicting wounds from which the latter died at the Mission hospital, in that city.

The double tragedy was enacted near the postoffice at Bryson City Saturday night, and is said to have been the outcome of a Christmas celebration with whiskey as the motive power. Clark, an unmarried man, 30 years of age, was amusing himself by firing a revolver over the heads of passers-by when D. J. Calhoun remonstrated with the shooter. Words and the killing followed. The slain man's brother, A. H. Calhoun, appeared on the scene a few moments later only to be shot down with two bullets in his abdomen. Clark made his escape, and is now believed to be in Tennessee.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.

### DEAD AT THROTTLE.

Heart Failure Struck Engineer and the Fireman Stopped the Train.

With the train running at a speed of nearly 50 miles an hour, H. C. Beck, engineer of the Pittsburgh express, which left Philadelphia, was found dead in the cab by the fireman while the express was nearing Bird-in-Hand, Pa.

Waiter Moore, the fireman, climbed to the engine driver's side. As he reached him the engineer was about to fall out of the window. The fireman brought the express to a stop. A physician on the train said death was due to heart disease.

Do you know that fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, and require no internal treatment whatever? Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

### Farmers' Institutes.

The twenty-fifth session of Farmers' Institutes closed at Glendale, Walton county. The average attendance has been about eight hundred. Fertilizer, corn, hogs, poultry, boys' corn clubs, improved machinery, crop rotation have been thoroughly discussed by Prof. Roff, McQuerry and Spencer, and Mahony. The interest is greater than ever before among the farmers. The determination to get rid of the troublesome stump and farmers are using improved machinery, planting a greater variety of crops and studying the fertilizer problems.

Medicines that aid nature are always most effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence. Sold by all dealers.

**Miami Real Estate Alive.**  
An increased activity in the local real estate market is noticeable. Many valuable properties have been changed within the past few days and a number of important deals are now pending. The Magic City is growing rapidly, and the New Year will be entered into with brighter prospects than ever before.

**Improvements at Hastings.**  
Hastings has decided to make several important improvements in the near future. At the last meeting of the city council it was decided that the city should purchase seven new street lamps and install them in the most important parts of the city.

**Construct New Channel.**  
With the opening of the new year work of constructing a new channel in the Caloosahatchee river will begin. The channel is to be made twelve feet deep at the bar and ten feet from there up to the city of Fort Myers, giving a good depth for ship ping.

**Dies From Loss of Blood.**  
William Tompkins, a prominent farmer near Coleman, died as a result of a gunshot wound received accidentally while out hunting. His arm was blown off, and he suffered so much loss of blood that physicians could not revive him after the accident.

**The Retort Unexpected.**  
"Yes," he said, with sarcastic bitterness, "I believe it is true that a man is known before marriage by the company he keeps."  
"No doubt," he smilingly replied, "I remember that I kept company with you for fully four years."

### Appropriate Decoration.

"You remember the famous ice palace built for one of the Russian emperors?"

"Yes. What of it?"

"I wonder if the principal decoration of its rooms was not a frieze."—Baltimore American.

**A Bloodsucking Earthworm.**  
South Africa is the home of a species of earthworm, a creature closely related to our common angleworm, which is not only a giant among the denizens of the soil, but which is reputed to have a taste for human blood. There are two species of this uncanny wiggler—one of a dark red color and the other almost black. They are larger than one's finger and from three to four inches in length.

**Opals.**  
Opals are so sensitive that their beauty is frequently destroyed by their wearers' proximity to an open fire. The luster of this stone is caused by the presence of myriads of little fissures, which deflect the light into the characteristic prismatic color of the gem. The tiniest of these fissures is likely at any moment to destroy the stone.

### The Salt in the Sea.

The Pythagoreans held that the sea was salt by reason of the tears shed by Kronos, father of Zeus. According to the old Hebrew tradition, the ocean was originally a great body of fresh water, but which was made salt by the abundant tears of the fallen angels. One sect of Buddhists believe that Lot's wife—that is to say, the "pillar of salt" which was once the wife of the humble gentleman named above—lies at the bottom of the ocean in a certain narrow strait and that once each year the waters of all oceans flow through that narrow channel. The Talmudic writers say that it was never salt until Moses wept repentance after breaking the tables of stone.

### Many Kinds of Monkeys.

The ordinary reader hardly realizes how many varieties of monkeys exist. We hear of monkeys in the Indies with reddish brown bodies, black heads and faces of a sky blue. There are monkeys with white eyelids and green monkeys to be found on the African continent and Cape Verde Islands. The howlers, which inhabit South America, are large and fierce, and travelers describe their yells as absolutely appalling. So dreadful is the sound of their roarings that one would imagine that all the beasts of the forests had gathered together for a battle. These creatures are so fierce that even the most skillful and adventurous trainer is unwilling to teach them tricks.

### Victor Hugo's Double.

Victor Hugo had a real double in flesh and blood, who exploited his physical resemblance to the man of genius. He cut his beard like Hugo's, copied the master's dress in its smallest details and so for eighteen years divided with the master the admiration of the public. His especial delight was to pose in a poetical attitude in front of a Punch and Judy show. He did this at a particular spot every Thursday afternoon for years, thoroughly enjoying the murmurs of curiosity and applause proceeding from the gaping crowd which he deceived. We do not hear that he reaped any other reward but his pleasure.

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The Craze That Raged in Holland in the Last Century.

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